

International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA)

DANTES Test Centers' Authorization

The International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer its examination for Certified Food Manager (CFM) or application for Certified Food Executive (CFE).

Background

Founded in 1901, incorporated in 1905 as an international organization under the laws of the state of Illinois, and named IFSEA in 1976, IFSEA has been supporting excellence in military food service for 40 years and offering career assistance through certification for persons both in the Service and out. IFSEA is a non-profit, educational, community service organization for persons in the food service field.

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Application

Application Process

To obtain and complete an application for the CFE examination, either apply on line or have the TCO request in writing on official letterhead. The examinee may:

- Complete the CFE application on line at www.ifsea.org/certification.html or
- Submit the application by mail with required documentation to:

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Description

IFSEA Certification

Military personnel may already be qualified as a Certified Food Service Manager (CFM) or Certified Food Executive (CFE). They may apply based on career accomplishments already achieved. Certification

- Reflects the highest level of professionalism in one's work experience and educational background;
 - Recognizes association membership and community service activities;
 - Acknowledges achievement of all necessary job skills, and
 - Gives one the critical edge to stand out in today's highly competitive work place.
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Application for Certification

The preferred method to take the test is on line. Check with www.ifsea.org for information on taking the CFE exam in writing. Examinees must have paid for certification before taking the test. Complete the application on line.

Section	Content	Total Points
A	Industry Experience	CFE 200 CFE Recert 200 CFM 150
B	Education Section	CFE 350 CFE Recert 75 CFM 350
C	IFSEA and other association membership section	CFE 1250 Recert 700 CFM 900

Documentation Required

Specific documentation is required for each section and requirements are available on the web site at www.ifsea.com/cfetest.htm.

Program Materials and Assistance

Obtaining Program Materials

Contact HQ IFSEA to obtain study materials. There is a 2-volume study guide that may be ordered on line or by phone, fax, or mail.

Questions

Contact IFSEA with questions about

- Qualifications
 - Fees
 - Educational requirements, or
 - Any other matter related to the certification program
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Fees

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The applicant must complete the application and prepay examination and registration fees as follows:

Examination Areas	Fees
CFE	\$190
CFM	\$130
Recertification	\$100

Costs include 1-year membership.

Administration

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Examination Scoring

Examination Scoring	<p>The passing score is 70. Since the test is computer-based, an unofficial score is given at the time. The candidate who passes the test will receive a packet in the mail that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plaque or Certificate• Employer Notification Letter• Lapel Pin
Notification of Test Scores	<p>IFSEA will notify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examinees directly of their scores and qualification for certification.• TCOs that scores have been provided to the examinees.

Refunds

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Retesting

Retesting	Examinees who do not pass the examination may retake it twice within 6 months at a cost of \$35 per retest. If examinees fail after two attempts, they must prepare using the study guide that is available from IFSEA.
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Problems

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Security

Test Loss or Compromise	<p>If there is a test loss or compromise, refer to Part I of the <i>DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)</i> for complete instructions.</p> <p>Contact DANTES <u>immediately</u> and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is:</p>
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Web Pages

DANTES' Web Address	The web address for DANTES is http://www.dantes.doded.mil .
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IFSEA's Web Address	The web address for IFSEA is http://www.ifsea.com
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DANTES E-mail Address	Contact the DANTES Certification Program by E-mail at certprog@voled.doded.mil
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